



# Merced County Association of Governments

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February 10, 2006

Ms. Rachel Falsetti, Chief  
Attn: Abijit Bagde  
Caltrans Division of Transportation Programming, MS 82  
Office of Federal Transportation Management Program  
P.O. Box 924874  
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**Subject: 2004 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM  
MAJOR AMENDMENT NO. 11 - YOSEMITE AREA REGIONAL  
TRANSIT SYSTEM (YARTS) FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMIN. (FTA -  
5311(F) GRANT AWARD**

Dear Abijit,

On December 15, 2005, Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) Governing Board approved Major Amendment No. 11 to the 2004 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) adding the YARTS FTA-5311(f) Program grant award for FY05/06.

Transit projects are exempt from air quality conformity analysis per 40 CFR 93.126, Table 2 & 3, therefore, no further conformity determination is required.

FTA-5311(f) InterCity Bus Program Cycle 13 Grant Award				
Amount Requested	Agency	Project Description	Notes/Conditions	Amount Awarded
\$291,177	Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS)	Operating- Services for Mono/Mariposa/Yosemite Nat'l Park to Merced County	Fully Funded, seek other funding sources in future years	\$291,177

The following is applicable to FTIP Major Amendment No. 11 YARTS FTA-5311(f) programming changes:

- 1) CTIPS database been modified; and
- 2) Projects are exempt from air quality conformity analysis (40 CFR 93.126, Table 2 & 3 Exempt Projects); and
- 3) Conforms to the fiscal constraint of the FTIP; and
- 4) Conforms to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality; and
- 5) Does not adversely affect the timely implementation of Transportation Control Measures (TCMS); and
- 6) Involves a public involvement process.

MCAG formally requests that Caltrans and FHWA approve the addition of Major Amendment No. 11 to the 2004 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP).

If you have any questions regarding this amendment, contact Terri Lewis of my staff at (209) 723-3153 ext. 307.

  
Jesse B. Brown  
Executive Director

Enclosures: Resolution No. 2005/12-15-01  
CTIPS YARTS FTA-5311(f) project page  
FTIP Financial Summary  
Notice of Funding - Intercity Bus Program, Cycle 13

cc:

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2005/12-15-01**

**RESOLUTION OF THE MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
AMENDING THE 2004 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM  
(FTIP) WITH THE ADDITION OF MAJOR AMENDMENT NO. 11 ADDING THE  
YARTS FTA-5311(f) PROJECT BY ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2005/12-15-01**

**WHEREAS**, the Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG)) is a designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) and a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), pursuant to State and Federal designation; and

**WHEREAS**, the MCAG is required to develop, prepare, and modify as needed the 2004 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP); and

**WHEREAS**, the 2004 FTIP has been prepared to comply with Federal and State requirements for local projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2004 FTIP contains the MPO certification of the transportation planning process assuring that all federal requirements have been fulfilled; and

**WHEREAS**, Caltrans has provided notification of FTA-5311(f) funding award (\$291,177) for operating expenses for Yosemite Area Transportation System (YARTS).

**WHEREAS**, the 2004 FTIP Financial Summary has been modified and affirms fiscal constraint; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2004 FTIP program modifications conform to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for Air Quality and do not adversely affect the timely implementation of Transportation Control Measures (TCMs).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The Merced County Association of Governments Governing Board hereby amends the 2004 Federal Transportation Improvement Program and adopts by Resolution No. 2005/12-15-01 and the addition of the YARTS FY05/06 FTA5311(f) air quality conformity exempt project and the associated funds awarded for YARTS operating costs.
2. That Merced County Association of Governments does hereby certify that its planning and public involvement processes will be implemented throughout this document in accordance with:
  - a. Section 134 of Title 23, USC Section 8 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC app. 1607) and 23 CFR 450 Subpart C;


- b. Sections 174 and 176(c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act (42 USC 7504, 7506(c) and (d));
- c. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Title VI Assurances executed by each state under 23 USC 324 and 29 USC 794;
- d. Section 1003(b) of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (Pub. L. 102-240) regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in the FHWA and the FTA funded planning projects Sec.105 (f), Pub. L. 970424, 96 Stat. 2100; 49 CFR Part 23); and
- e. The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-336, 104 Stat. 327, as amended) and USDOT regulations "Transportation for Individuals with Disabilities" (49 CFR Parts 27, 37, and 38);

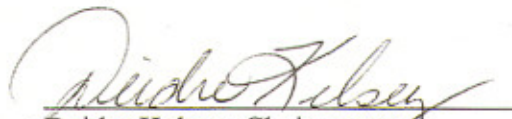
The foregoing resolution was approved by the Merced County Association of Governments Governing Board on December 15, 2005 by Council Member Spriggs who moved its adoption, which motion was duly seconded by Supervisor Crookham and which was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Crookham, Pedrozo, Kelsey, O'Banion, Mayor Friesen, Council Members McAdam, Oliveira, Abercrombie, Spriggs

NOES: None

ABSENT: Supervisor Nelson, Mayor Montejano

  
Jesse B. Brown, Executive Director  
Merced County Association of  
Governments

  
Deidre Kelsey, Chairperson  
Merced County Association of  
Governments Governing Board



# Merced County Association of Governments - Federal Transportation Improvement Program

(Dollars in Thousands)

## Transit System

DIST: 10	COUNTY: Merced County	TITLE (DESCRIPTION):	MPO Aprv: / /
ROUTE: VAR	PM:	YARTS operation (FTA-5311(f) Grant award FY05/06)	State Aprv: / /
PPND:	KP:		Federal Aprv: / /
EA:	MPO ID: YARTS01		
CTIPS ID: 205-0000-0112			
IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS)		PRJ MGR: DICK WHITTINGTON	EPA TABLE II or III EXEMPT CATEGORY:
		PHONE: (209) 723-3153	Transit operating assistance.

PROJECT VERSION HISTORY (Printed Version is Shaded)				Dollars in Thousands - Total For Project									
Version	Status	Official Date	Updated By	Change Reason	Amend No.	Prog Con	Prog RW	PE					
1	Active	11/22/2005	TLEWIS	Amendment - New Project	11	588							
						PRIOR	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	BEYOND TOTAL
• Fund Source 1 of 4				PE									
• Fund Type: FTA 5311 - Non Urbanized				RW									
• Funding Agency: Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS)				CON				297					297
				TOTAL				297					297
• Fund Source 2 of 4				PE									
• Fund Type: County Funds				RW									
• Funding Agency: Various Agencies				CON				147					147
				TOTAL				147					147
• Fund Source 3 of 4				PE									
• Fund Type: County Funds				RW									
• Funding Agency: Various Agencies				CON				25					25
				TOTAL				25					25
• Fund Source 4 of 4				PE									
• Fund Type: Agency				RW									
• Funding Agency: N/A				CON				119					119
				TOTAL				119					119
<b>Project Total</b>				PE									
				RW									
				CON				588					588
				TOTAL				588					588

### Comments:

\*\*\*\*\* Version 1 - 11/22/2005 \*\*\*\*\*

10/3/05 Caltrans provided notification of FTA 5311(f) grant award (\$281,177) FY05/06

2004 Federal Transportation Improvement Program				
Financial Summary (Revenue vs. Programmed)				
Programmed	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	TOTAL
Federal Transit Administration Section Funds				
- 3037 Job Access and Reverse Commute Program (JARC)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
- 5303 Metropolitan Planning Program	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
(IV)- 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Program	\$1,489	\$1,489	\$1,489	\$4,467
- 5308 Clean Fuel Formula Program	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
- 5309(a) Fixed Guideway Modernization	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
- 5309(b) New Starts	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
*** - 5309(c) Bus Allocation	\$389	\$0	\$0	\$389
- 5310 Elderly & Persons with Disabilities Formula Program	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
- 5311 Nonurbanized Area Formula Program	\$160	\$160	\$160	\$480
(XI)-5311(f) Intercity Bus Program (YARTS)	\$0	\$292	\$0	\$292
Local Funds				
- Bureau of Indian Affairs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
(V) (IV)- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ)	\$2,490	\$2,801	\$0	\$5,291
- Demonstration Pre ISTEA, ISTEA, & TEA21	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
- Ferry Boat Discretionary	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
- Forest Lands Highways	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
(VI)**- Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program (HBRR)	\$279	\$0	\$0	\$279
- Intelligent Transportation System Program (ITS)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
(X)(VI) (V) (IV) ** (***)- Local Funds ( transit fares, private funding, local match & TDA)	\$7,318	\$8,279	\$6,907	\$22,504
(XI) Local Funds (YARTS) (Mono, Mariposa, private)	\$0	\$281	\$0	\$281
- Miscellaneous Federal (Emergency Repairs & Seismic)	\$50	\$50	\$3,730	\$3,830
- National Scenic Byways Program	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
* - Public Lands Highways	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,000
- Recreational Trails	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
- Surface Transportation Program (STP)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
- Surface Transportation Program Enhancement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
(x)** - Surface Transportation Program Hazard Elimination & Safety (HES)	\$406	\$502	\$706	\$1,614
- Surface Transportation Program Railroad Grade Crossing Protection	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
- Transportation and Community and System Preservation Pilot Program	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Highway Account Funds (State & State FHWA Funds)				
-STIP (RIP/IIP/TE)	\$60	\$73,543	\$36,177	\$109,780
- SHOPP (Includes Bradley SHOPP)	\$23,910	\$0	\$51,062	\$74,972
(VIII) - SHOPP (Minor A Federal)	\$915	\$1,560	\$0	\$2,475
State Only Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
- Miscellaneous (Exchange, State Transit Assistance) (RSTP)	\$2,517	\$2,561	\$2,606	\$7,684
- Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Programmed</b>	<b>\$40,983</b>	<b>\$91,518</b>	<b>\$102,837</b>	<b>\$235,338</b>
* Atwater Federal Penitentiary Access Road Project - Amend #1				
** HBRR and HES lump sums - Amend #2				
***YARTS FY05 FTA-5309 (c) Bus and Bus-Related Allocation - Amend #3				
(IV)FY05 FTA5307 & FY04/05 CMAQ apportionment increases- Amend #4				
(V) Minor Amendment #5				
(VI) Minor HBRR Amend #6				
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## Memorandum

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To: JAN BULKINSKI, DISTRICT 1  
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LINDA WRIGHT, DISTRICT 7  
GARY GREEN, DISTRICT 8  
BRAD METTAM, DISTRICT 9  
TOM DUMAS, DISTRICT 10  
CHRIS SCHMIDT, DISTRICT 11

Date: October 3, 2005

From: DAN MUNDY  
Branch Chief  
Rural and Small Transit Operations  
Procurement Monitoring

Subject: Notice of Funding - Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311(f),  
Intercity Bus Program, Cycle 13

The review committee for evaluation and selection of this year's FTA Section 5311(f) Intercity Bus Program evaluated 30 project applications requesting \$3,372,966 million in Federal share.

The three member Section 5311(f) review committee included Pete Spaulding, Executive Director, CalACT, Barbara O'Keeffe, Transit Manager/RTPA Staff, Tehama County Public Works, and Kimberly Gayle, Division of Mass Transportation, Office Chief.

Project applications were scored using the project evaluation criteria included in the Cycle Thirteen – 2005 Application Guidelines and Forms. As a result, 25 projects were selected for full funding and two projects were selected for partial funding.

Attachment 1 is the list of applications submitted, successful projects and funding conditions and the final funding decisions. Documentation to satisfy conditions should be sent to Fred Lenhart at Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 942874, M.S. 39, Sacramento, CA 94274-0001, or by email to [Fred\\_Lenhart@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Fred_Lenhart@dot.ca.gov). **Funding conditions must be met by November 30, 2005.**



DISTRICT SENIORS, et al

October 4, 2005

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Please forward this information and the **attachment** to the applicants and transportation planning agencies in your jurisdiction. Once the funding conditions have been met, Fred Lenhart will notify your office. Contracts will be prepared by RASTOPM staff and sent directly to the applicant for execution.

I appreciate the assistance that your staff has provided during the application process and we will continue to work with your staff through the successful completion of these projects. If you have any questions, please contact Fred Lenhart at (916) 654-7601 or ATSS 8-464-7601.

Attachments

c: RASTO Staff  
Kimberly Gayle, DMT  
District Transit Representatives

## Section 5311(f) Applications

Cycle 13

Amount Requested	Agency	Project Description	Notes/Conditions	Amt Awarded
\$48,520	Modoc Transportation Agency	Capital - Swipe Card Technology	<b>Condition</b> - Pending submittal of proof of public hearing notice and project/procurement schedule. Project award is granted to the applicable percentage of the system related to intercity service only.	\$48,520
\$60,000	Riverside Transit Agency	Capital - Rural Bus Stop Improvements	<b>Condition</b> - Project funding is limited to improvements for intercity service/routes only.	\$39,480
\$75,000	Santa Barbara County Association of Governments	Capital - North Santa Barbara County Transit Plan	<b>Condition</b> - Plan should include specific information on intercity service connection with multi-modal transportation options (Rail, Bus, Air, etc.) and coordination with Caltrans on statewide intercity bus study.	\$75,000
\$207,841	Kern Regional Transit	Operating - East Kern Express - Bakersfield to Lancaster	Fully Funded	\$207,841
\$42,390	Kern Regional Transit	Operating - Ridgecrest to Mojave	Fully Funded	\$42,390
\$291,177	Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System	Operating - Services for Mono/Mariposa/Yosemite Nat'l Park to Merced County	Fully Funded, Seek other funding sources in future years	\$291,177
\$200,000	Amador Regional Transit System	Capital - Tri-County Transfer Facility	<b>Condition</b> - Pending submittal of specific tasks that will be completed with grant funding.	\$200,000